

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 5, 2005 - 3:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Board Members Present: Richard J. Kirchner, Chairman
 Janet G. Stanton, Selectman
 David D. Macy, Selectman

Other Staff Present: Robert Weitz, Town Administrator

At 3:30 PM, the Board of Selectmen conducted a site visit to Berkshire School Road regarding a Sycamore Tree on the property of Dr. Norman M. Margolis. The Board reviewed the condition of the tree, Massachusetts Highway's progress of Berkshire School Road, and various options to save the Sycamore with Tom Ingersoll of Webster Ingersoll, Joe Mastroianni and John Kiger of Mass. Highway Dept., & David Smith of Maxymillion.

Concerns expressed by Massachusetts Highway: If the tree is to be salvaged, it will require substantial raising of the elevation of the road or putting a retaining wall with a handrail at the edge of the road, and raising the elevation of the sidewalk so it will be close to the level of the base of the tree.

Tom Ingersoll did a number of borings into the tree which determined that the tree essentially is hollowed to a height of at least fifteen feet.

The Board will meet on Saturday morning to discuss and come to a decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Weitz, Town Administrator